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SUBJECT: PEACE COMMITTEE LAWYERS RELEASED

REF: A) 75 STATE 273116 B) SANTIAGO 486 C) 75 SANTIAGO 8161

1. GOC HAS RELEASED MARCOS DUFFAU URRUTIA AND JOSE ZALAQUETT DAHER, WHO HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN MID-NOVEMBER AND HELD AT TRES ALAMOS AFTER BRIEF STINT AT CUATRO ALAMOS (DINA).
2. PER REF A, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ADVISE PARTIES EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS CASE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN FREED. REF B REPORTED RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH DUFFAU, WHO HAD APPLIED FOR PAROLE PROGRAM.
3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT AS OF EARLY DEC, REF C, WE HAD CONFIRMED THAT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WAS FOLLOWING EXISTING NORMS AND THAT, REPORTEDLY, NEITHER LAWYER HAD BEEN MISTREATED. ON JAN 30 THE MINISTRY ISSUED DECREE 1889 RELEASING THEM. THEY WERE NEVER CHARGED WITH ANY CRIME.
4. COMMENT: THIS ACTION APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER ELEMENT IN THE GOC'S IMAGE REFURNISHING CAMPAIGN. CHILEAN CHURCH WAS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN CASE AND PUT PRESSURE ON GOC. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT EMBASSY HAD REQUESTED PRIORITY PROCESSING OF DUFFAU'S PAROLE APPLICATION. WAS APPLICATION APPROVED PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S RELEASE JAN 30? END COMMENT.

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5. VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY OF SANTIAGO ARCHBISHOPRIC
(EX-PEACE COMMITTEE) ISSUED COMMUNIQUE FEB 3 ANNOUNCING
RELEASE OF TWO LAWYERS, AND NOTING THAT CHURCH AND CARDINAL
HIMSELF HAD ASKED FOR THEIR RELEASE AT VARIOUS TIMES. STATE-
MENTED HOPED GOC WOULD TAKE SOME ACTION WITH EX-PEACE COMMITTEE
SECRETARY GEORGINA OCARANZA AND HER ONE-MONTH OLD CHILD (BORN
IN DETENTION CENTER), WHO HAS BEEN HELD WITHOUT CHARGE SINCE
SEPTEMBER 9. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT OCARANZA
IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INFILTRATED INTO PEACE COMMITTEE
BY EXTREMIST MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR).
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